



Subject: Comment on Project ID #16090

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I am writing to request that the project to upgrade and pave Unalakleet streets be funded and not cancelled. As a community member elected to serve on the current city council and the past traditional council I have heard testimony from many people and experienced firsthand on how bad our streets are, especially during the summer. The amount of dust in the air makes it impossible for people with asthma (or anyone) to open their windows or even to try to go to town and is an all-around health hazard. It causes increased energy consumption and bigger electricity bills when people have to dry their clothing with a dryer because it is too dusty to hang them outside, the mud is also very bad when it rains because of the ground up dust. Most people have to drive on the wrong side of the road in order to avoid the bad potholes. It makes complete sense to get this project done when the right equipment is here in town with the airport-paving project. Another very convincing argument is that the City of Unalakleet has been able to stay financially afloat when other municipalities are no longer functional or are at a minimal functioning level. Please help us to help ourselves and do the right thing. Thank you.